THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.7871 of 2007

Date: 17.04.2007

Between:

M.Ranga Prasad.

....Petitioner

and

The District Registrar-cum-District Collector and another.

....Respondents

O R D E R:

The petitioner presented two documents for registration before the second respondent. The latter entertained a doubt as to the adequacy of the stamp duty and registration fee paid on the documents. Accordingly, he referred the matter under Section 47-A of the Registration Act,1908 (for short 'the Act') to the first respondent *vide* separate proceedings, dated 15.10.2004. The grievance of the petitioner is that the first respondent has not taken any steps so far and that the matter is pending registration for the past three years.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

The scope of verification and adjudication under Section 47-A of the Act is very limited. No disputes as to title need to be adjudicated. It is only about the adequacy or otherwise of the stamp duty and registration charges. Such a limited matter cannot be kept pending for years together. Inordinate delay would bring about its own complications when the transfer of title is involved.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the first respondent to pass appropriate orders in the references made to him by the first respondent through proceedings, dated 15.10.2004, in relation to the documents presented by the petitioner, within four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy

of this order, duly issuing notice of being heard to the petitioner. Depending on the outcome of the orders that may be passed by the first respondent, it shall be open to the petitioner to pursue his remedies. There shall be no order as to costs.

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17.04.2007

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